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1. Agricultural Missions

Special, 2004

Introduction

Agricultural Missions, Inc. (AMI) is an independent ecumenical organization active in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. It seeks to educate rural people in addressing the structural causes of poverty and injustice in their communities.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AMI's programmatic work includes educating people on issues such as: rural sustainability; gender; development; culture; technology; social and racial justice; legal assistance; capacity restoration; and recovery.

Significant changes in the organization

AMI elected a new Executive Director in 2015.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Majority of AMI's contribution to the work of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) has been through active engagement in numerous commissions under the purview of development including the Financing for Development (FFD) and the post-2015 development agenda.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

AMI participated in numerous ECOSOC meetings including the Open Working Group (OWG) on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and high level meetings on the Post 2015 development process. AMI also attended the 56th, 57th, 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) facilitating the participation of partners and addressing financing for gender equality and violence against women. It also participated in the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 20 to 22 June 2012 and co-hosted an official side event together with the Feminist Task Force on the Women's Tribunals on Gender and Poverty. Additionally, AMI attended regular meetings on climate change, including the Conference on Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change convened in Peru and France, 2014 and 2015 respectively.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

AMI has collaborated with United Nations Women (UN-Women) during sessions of the Commissions on the Status of Women, and the Women's Forum on Financing for Development convened in the margins of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development organized in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in July 2015. AMI also worked together with the United Nations Millennium Campaign and the Policy and Strategy Group on the creation and development of the "World We Want" global platform.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

AMI participated in the follow-up process of the Rio+20 conference launching a process to develop the post 2015 development agenda building on the gains made on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). AMI and its partners participated in educational campaigns to achieve MDGs in various countries in Latin America.

2. Family Action Foundation

Special, 2004

Introduction

Based in Spain, Family Action Foundation/Accion Familiar's (AF) mission is to help strengthen and promote the crucial role played by the institution of family in social and personal welfare.

Aims and purposes of the organization

AF undertakes its mission by: offering services to help the family fulfil its functions; conducting applied research to understand and cater to the needs of families; and providing educational support and training for better application of positive parenting.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Through its projects, AF evaluates the impact of family policies in the education, social, protection spheres of society and offers new alternatives.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

During the reporting period, AF advanced supported the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by:

- Delivering 642 training courses to over 18,000 people and developing new training materials, including the launch of a virtual training room for parents and educators;

- Coordinating activities of 150 volunteers in services such as supervising youth centres and furnishing residential care to the elderly benefitting over 240 individuals;
- Providing psychosocial counselling and legal support to over 2,000 families; and
- Conducting research, studies and technical assessments and publishing scholarly articles including 3 books and 10 documents.

3. Federación de Mujeres Progresistas

Special, 2012

Introduction

Federación de Mujeres Progresistas (FMP) is a non-profit and secular NGO founded in 1987. It comprises of diverse international, national, autonomous, provincial and municipal women's associations with an extensive network of approximately 23,000 people.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The mission of the FMP is to promote social, economic and cultural changes in order to achieve gender equality between women and men through political feminist advocacy and empowerment while embodying the ideals of active participation, leadership and multiculturalism.

Significant changes in the organization

This organization has recently expanded its network by including new members and increasing collaboration with third sector organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FMP contributes to the work of the United Nations by: contributing to the elimination of violence against women; protecting sexual and reproductive rights; promoting active employment policies according to human rights; and prosecuting offenses that threaten moral and physical freedom of vast numbers of women. Moreover, it focuses efforts on promoting gender equality and women's autonomy, defending women's rights in social and professional settings and delivering training to eradicate gender inequities.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FMP attended the 54th, 57th, 58th, 59th and 60th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and has been instrumental in discussing concrete actions to address equality.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FMP prioritizes the need to prevent and eradicate all forms of gender-based violence through public awareness. It has contributed to gender and women's empowerment by designing legal reforms and implementing concrete actions through 15 programmes and intensive consultations in this area.

4. Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas, Ejecutivas, Profesionales y Empresarias

Special, 2012

Introduction

Federación Española de Mujeres Directivas Ejecutivas Profesionales y Empresarias (FEDEPE) is a non-profit association bringing together women executives, entrepreneurs and professionals in Spain.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FEDEPE's mission is to empower and defend values of women in leadership and decision-making roles. It further seeks equal distribution between men and women in a society in which women remain underrepresented despite their qualifications, capabilities and willingness to serve in positions of authority.

Significant changes in the organization

FEDEPE has increased its presence in international and European forums and has fostered cooperation with public and private entities. With over 15 new collaboration agreements, it has increased its presence in the media and enhanced visibility on issues addressing women. It has also joined the Women Entrepreneurship Platform which promotes female entrepreneurship in the European Union countries.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FEDEPE has contributed through projects including "Evoluciona" and "Mprende+21" seeking to provide techniques to women to improve their professional performance and entrepreneurial skills. It also led an equality and conciliation project to increase the commitment of companies to respect equality measures.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FEDEPE has extensively participated in events organized by the United Nations including the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) where it served as panel member on discussions addressing gender equality and good practices. It provided a written statement to the High-level Segment of United Nations Economic and Social (ECOSOC) convened in New York from 6 to10 July 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

It signed a Memorandum of Understanding with United Nations Women (UN-Women) which also sponsored FEDEPE awards designed to publicly applaud the career and professional life of women executives and professionals who have been instrumental in promoting the role of women. In the margins of the 59th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) it further collaborated with UN-Women to convene a side event on women's economic empowerment leadership held in New York on 12 March 2015.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FEDEPE deems that female leadership in the economy is vital to building a environment conducive of sustainable growth. To this end, it has implemented programmes to support women to become influential members in the society. It has also advocated with governments, companies and individuals to actively promote gender equality.

5. Federación Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales

Special, 2008

Introduction

Federacion Estatal de Lesbianas, Gays, Transexuales y Bisexuales (FELGTB is a platform enabling coordination and exchange of over 50 associations to promote equality and social respect for sexual diversity and awareness.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FELGTB's programmes target various themes that promote social equality including: HIV prevention; gender equality; rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) youth and families; employment counselling; promoting sexual diversity in schools; and advocacy with government officials.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FELGTB has annually convened an educational meeting on the rights of the LGBT community gathering over 100 people and activists from all over the world. It has also collaborated with the International Lesbian and Gay Association to lobby for the rights of LGBT individuals within the European Union. It coordinates the Education Network talks on sexual diversity in schools and appeals to the government, political parties, unions and social organizations for the inclusion of measures to equality relating to change of name and sex of transsexuals, the law of equal treatment or modification and same-sex marriage.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

No participation was specified.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

As a feminist organization, FELGTB actively promotes gender equality and empowerment of women. It contributed to structural HIV/AIDS prevention efforts, organized conferences on international cooperation and initiated projects to increase acceptance and strengthen human rights protection of LGBT values.

6. Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit — COC Nederland

Special, 2008

Introduction

Established in 1946, Federatie van Nederlandse Verenigingen tot Integratie Van Homoseksualiteit — COC Nederland (COC Nederland) was founded by former members of the resistance during World War II. As one of the largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) organizations in the world, it has been instrumental in generating social and legal changes.

Aims and purposes of the organization

Its main goal is to prevent people from societal discrimination based on their sexual orientation or identity and to strive for a world where LGBT people have equal rights, are respected and can participate equally in society irrespective of their sexual preference.

Significant changes in the organization

COC Nederland amended its statutes and now officially recognizes transgender people.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

COC Nederland has contributed to the work of the United Nations by regularly providing inputs to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in relation to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) for Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Ireland, Italy, Kyrgyzstan, Lesotho, Moldovia, Mongolia, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Panama, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Swaziland and Ukraine.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

It has participated in a wide range of sessions and meetings held by the United Nations including the following: 52nd, 53rd, 57th, 59th, 60th and 62nd sessions of

the Committee on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); 52nd, 54th and 55th Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR); 62nd, 65th, 66th and 69th sessions of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC); and 56th, 57th 58th and 59th sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

Since 2011, COC Nederland is collaborating on a new project entitled "Bridging the Gaps," seeking to improve human rights and curb the spread of HIV/AIDS with partners in Botswana, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Zimbabwe.

7. Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights

Special, 2008

Introduction

The Federation of Environmental and Ecological Diversity for Agricultural Revampment and Human Rights, (FEEDAR&HR) is a non-profit and apolitical NGO comprised of 60 percent female representatives. Based in Cameroon, it is also represented in Nigeria, Ghana, Nairobi, India and Germany.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to: end poverty and suffering; promote agriculture and enhance food security; protect forests and biodiversity; curb pollution resulting from fires; advocate for reproductive human rights; and promote education, democracy and human rights reforms.

Significant changes in the organization

Between 2012 and 2014, it served as the focal point organization for the Global Environment Facility Civil Society Network in the Central African Region and is currently coordinating the Coalition of Civil Society organizations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FEEDAR&HR has actively contributed to the post-2015 Development Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. It also provided inputs to the report on the Central African Region prepared by United Nations Non-Governmental Liaison Service and contributed to online webinars.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FEEDAR&HR participated in numerous meetings organized by the United Nations to include the Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the United Nations conventions against Transnational Organized Crime in Vienna, Austria in 2012. In 2013, it attended the first session of the Plenary of the Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Bonn, Germany and the United Nations Forum on Forests convened in Istanbul, Turkey.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FEEDAR&HR is accredited with several bodies of the United Nations including the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), United Nations Intellectually Property Organization (UNIPO), United Nations Office on Drugs (UNODC) and the Department of Public Information (DPI) within the United Nations Secretariat. It is also currently co-chair of the Farmers Major Group of UNEP.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization has developed significant projects to support: sustainable land and forest management; agricultural and food security; biodiversity conservation; drug and crime prevention; good governance; democracy; green economy initiatives; and sustainable rural development. It also regularly observes United Nations' days including World Biodiversity Day, World Environment Day, World Day to Combat Desertification and World Food Day.

8. Femmes Solidaires

Special: 2004

Introduction

Femmes Solidaires (FS) is a secular and inter-African feminist association active in the popular education movement. Based in France, it has been deeply engaged in international issues.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The organization aims to discourage, and raise community awareness of, violence against women, in particular sexual violence, sexism, racism, homophobia and discrimination. To that end, it is committed to improving access to health care, as well as decent work and housing. It also works to deconstruct stereotypes in schools and working-class neighbourhoods by developing pedagogical tools to promote universal women's rights and target oppressive practices such as excision.

Significant changes in the organization

In January 2013, it co-founded Réseau international féministe et laïque with other international associations.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FS developed a "godmothers" programme in Ethiopia by partnering with a local association and it produced a documentary on education. In 2015, it opened a boarding school in the same region to help girls stay in school.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FS follows the work of the Human Rights Council and participated in the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third sessions of the Council in Geneva, Switzerland. It also participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women in 2013 and 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

To pursue its projects, it has collaborated with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FS has contributed to the Millennium Development Goals through the following initiatives: implementation of the "godmothers" programme to enable families to send their girls to school; launching of development activities, including an anti-poverty campaign; and elimination of stereotypes, and mainstreaming of gender equality and the elimination of discrimination against women in all areas.

9. Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être social

Special: 2012

Introduction

Fondation des oeuvres pour la solidarité et le bien-être Social (FOSBES) is a non-governmental organization (NGO) that aims to promote individual and community well-being and improve the livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Aims and purposes of the organization

The main tasks of the organization are to create bonds of solidarity between people through exchanges and mutual assistance; to promote the social reintegration of vulnerable persons through mentoring; to combat HIV/AIDS through voluntary testing; to advocate for the equilibrium of the planet through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; to promote respect for human rights through awareness-raising; and to promote economic justice and hold leaders accountable through citizen review.

Significant changes in the organization

In collaboration with other national NGOs, FOSBES created a coalition called Consortium d'appui pour la recherche des solutions aux initiatives de développement (CARSID).

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FOSBES has contributed to the work of the Economic and Social Council by implementing the United Nations development agenda, in particular by fighting climate change. In particular, FOSBES collected data on what communities really needed in order to fight climate change, leading to the development of a project to distribute improved cooking stoves to households and the reforestation of 25 hectares of land.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FOSBES has participated in a number of meetings organized by the United Nations, including the third session of the Open-ended Working Group on Ageing for the purpose of strengthening the protection of the human rights of older persons, held in August 2012; the tenth session of the United Nations Forum on Forests, held in April 2013; the seventh session of the Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities held in June 2014; and the twenty-first session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group, held in January 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations entities

No cooperation was specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FOSBES contributed to the repatriation of 725 persons in four provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Moreover, it raised awareness of HIV/AIDS, sexual violence and human rights among 453 women. In conjunction with a local NGO, it organized awareness-raising sessions on fistula and the cause of masculine and feminine sterility.

10. Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement

Special, 2012

Introduction

Fondation pour l'étude des relations internationales et du développement (FERID) is an institution of research and higher education that offers post-graduate study programmes, executive education and a platform for debate in the field of international relations and development studies.

Aims and purposes of the organization

This organization seeks to provide independent and rigorous analysis of major contemporary global issues with a view to promoting international cooperation and making an academic contribution to the progress of less-developed societies.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FERID continued its active engagement with the United Nations in support of the post-2015 development agenda through research, outreach, training and capacity building. It is also a member of the Habitat University Network Initiative. The institute's Global Health Centre was designated as a "World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Centre" and its director was appointed as member of the Ebola Interim Assessment Panel.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FERID participated in over 30 intergovernmental fora and ensures annual attendance in the Regional Committee of the World Health Organization's (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. In September 2015, it attended high level events of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and organized an expert meeting in May 2015 with the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Trafficking in persons. Moreover, it partook in the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2013 and provided inputs to the Swiss delegation during the 56th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) held in 2012.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

Cooperation between FERID's centres and programmes and the United Nations has been extensive. This includes, inter alia, partnering with WHO to develop an online executive course on global health diplomacy, jointly published with the International Labour Office (ILO) a publication on employment in fragile settings, as well as collaborating with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on a joint training course for peacebuilding and conflict analysis tools. Along with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), it co-sponsored the annual Biodiversity and Economics for Conservation (BIOECON) academic conferences held in Cambridge, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Additionally, it signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

This organization did not focus on specific fulfilment of the MDGs but rather on supporting the sustainable development agenda through advocacy and outreach.

11. Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi

Special, 2012

Introduction

The Foundation Don Carlo Gnocchi — Onlus (FDDG) is accredited with the Italian National Health Service and provides services in high-quality healthcare, rehabilitation, social welfare and therapeutic services in Italy and abroad.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FDDG aims to offer assistance, health protection, treatment and functional, social and moral rehabilitation services to disadvantaged individuals with physical, mental or sensory disabilities regardless of age, gender and conditions. It has expanded its field of intervention and caters to individuals suffering from acquired or congenital pathologies and patients of all ages in need of neurological, rehabilitative, orthopaedic, cardiac and respiratory assistance.

Significant changes in the organization

In July 2015 it appointed a new Director and adopted new guidelines defining its mission, vision, context, stakeholders, objectives, finances and organigram for 2016 and beyond.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

Following Italy's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (UNCRPD) in 2009, a National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities was established. DGGF is a member of this observatory and implements disability-related projects while promoting the implementation of the UNCRPD together with the Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights. Moreover, FDDG is a member of the working group on "Italian Development Cooperation Disability Action Plan" administered by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It also monitored the implementation of the UNCRPD by collaborating with national monitoring systems and ensuring that community-based rehabilitation (CBR) projects increasingly adopt human rights sensitive considerations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

FDDP participated in the 53rd Session of the United Nations Commission for Social Development. It also attended the Development Cooperation Forum on 18 November 2015 in Rome, Italy where it interacted with the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FDDP closely collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) in organizing the "Seminar on improving access to assistive technology" along with the European Assistive Technology Information Network which addressed data collection processes held in Milan, Italy from 27 to 29 April 2015. It is also committed to fostering international inclusive development and frequently collaborates with DESA.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

The organization contributed to disability inclusive Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by empowering disabled people's organizations through team and capacity building, advocacy, training and support to management and operations. It also disseminated publications on diversity in the labour market in Tunisia, guidelines on care to children with neurological conditions in Rwanda and a calendar highlighting disability-related events in Bolivia.

12. Food and Water Watch

Special, 2012

Introduction

Food & Water Watch (FWW) champions healthy food and clean water by advocating to corporations for a democracy that improves people's lives and protects the environment.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FWW seeks to create a healthy future for generations to come — a world where people have the resources they need, including wholesome food, clean water and sustainable energy.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FWW has contributed to the work of the United Nations by participating in various preparatory sessions of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Energy for All events and by regularly organizing side events in their margins.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In May 2013, it presented remarks at the Open Working Group (OWG) on the SDGs on the rights to water and sanitation and provided an oral statement to the 23rd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC) on toxic pollutants. In November 2013, it co-organized the first-ever event at the United Nations focused on hydraulic

fracturing in the framework of the 5th Session of the OWG on the SDGs. It also participated in various thematic debates on sustainable development, climate change and sustainable energy events including the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) held in Brazil and the Conference on Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change convened in Paris in December 2015.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

No cooperation has been specified.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FWW contributed to the MDGs by driving initiatives to ensure environmental sustainability, in particular, achieving universal access to clean water.

13. Forest Stewardship Council

Special, 2012

Introduction

Forest Stewardship Council AC (FSC) is a global non-profit NGO focusing on environmental, social and economic issues. Based in Mexico, it has operational headquarters in Germany and operates in some 40 countries.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FSC's mission is to promote the environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable management of the world's forests. It provides standards for companies, organizations and communities to apply responsible forestry.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FSC contributes to the work of the United Nations by implementing various projects that promote environmental sustainability. This includes supporting frameworks such as the Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020, the United Nations Framework on Convention on Climate Change and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through initiatives to promote sustainable forest management, production and consumption.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Between 2012 and 2015, FSC has actively engaged in discussions related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) including attending intergovernmental discussions, open working groups and publishing articles on plantations, bio-energy

and timber legality. In October 2015, it attended the Inter-agency Advisory Expert Group on SDG indicators convened by the United Nations Statistical Commission. It also attended the 14th United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and organized a side event in its margins. Furthermore, in conjunction with the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), it took part in the meetings of the Committee on Forestry in June 2012 and June 2014 as well as a meeting of the World Forest Congress in September 2015. Moreover, it participated in the Joint Session of the 73rd Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry (COFFI) and the 38th European Forestry Commission (EFC) in Engelberg, Switzerland convened from 2 to 6 November 2015 and presented initiatives on biodiversity. It also took part in the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) General Council discussions on illegal wildlife trade.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

FSC has partnered with UNEP's Sustainable Public Procurement Programme as a member of its Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee and engaged in discussions over biodiversity indicators. From November 2014 to September 2015, it collaborated with FAO as part of its ad-hoc expert group on criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

No activities were specified.

14. Foundation ECPAT International

Introduction

Foundation ECPAT International (End Child Prostitution, Child Pornography and Trafficking in Children for Sexual Purposes; ECPAT) is a global network of organisations dedicated to preventing the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Aims and purposes of the organization

ECPAT has been instrumental in supporting concrete programmes to include direct services for children victims, legal advocacy, collaboration with law enforcement and strengthening community protection structures.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

ECPAT developed a comprehensive set of terminology guidelines that seeks to define manifestations of child sexual exploitation and is engaged in interagency working groups composed of experts from United Nations' agencies, law enforcement and civil society organizations.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

In addition to providing written and oral submissions to the 25th and 28th Human Rights Council (HRC) sessions, ECPAT has extensively contributed to Universal Periodic Reviews and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. It attended the meeting on sexual exploitation of children organized by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Regional Office for East Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok, Thailand convened from 25 to 27 June 2013. In June 2015, it attended the High-Level meeting in France on protection of children from sexual violence hosted by the Office of the Special Representative (SRSG) to the Secretary-General on Violence against Children.

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

This organization has collaborated on various fronts with United Nations bodies. In May 2012, it contributed to the "South Asia Follow Up Regional Consultation on the United Nations Study on Violence against Children" in consultation with the Office of the SRSG on Violence against Children. Since 2015, UNICEF Regional Office for South Asia and ECPAT co-chaired the South Asian Coordination Group (SACG). In August 2015, it ventured into a research project in collaboration with the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, in gathering evidence regarding the use of Internet and Communication Technologies (ICTs) in the sexual exploitation of children in Latin America.

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

ECPAT has been extremely active in advancing the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) through a multitude of initiatives. This includes producing a thematic paper on child protection, and advocacy with key stakeholders including UNICEF and African Union to place sexual exploitation high on the political agenda towards ending violence against children in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

15. Foundation for Global Sports Development

Special, 2012

Introduction

Foundation for Global Sports Development (FGSD) supports programs that promote sportsmanship, education, fair play and ethics among the world's youth.

Aims and purposes of the organization

FGSD implements programmes that: (i) develop a child's personality, mental and physical talents and abilities; (ii) develop respect for the child's parents, cultural identity, language and values; (iii) develop respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; and (iv) prepare for a responsible life in the spirit of understanding, peace, tolerance and equality.

Significant changes in the organization

There have been no significant changes.

Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

FGSD engages educators and youth on fair play and clean competition through its Culture, Education, Sport and Ethics Program (CESEP) alongside the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and the United Nations. It partners with and provides financial assistance to organizations using sport to promote healthy lifestyles, education and social inclusion. Examples of these collaborations include partnerships with: the International Paralympic Committee (IPC) to educate and raise awareness on the benefits and development of parasport; and with the German government and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) on the Munich Memorial Project.

Participation in meetings of the United Nations

Representatives attended several conferences organized by the IOC related to using sport as a tool for human development and peace promotion. It also attended the 58th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW).

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

In 2013, FGSD provided financial assistance to the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) for the 3rd International Forum on Sport for Peace and Development jointly organized by the United Nations Office on Sport for Development and Peace (UNOSDP).

Initiatives taken by the organization in support of the Millennium Development Goals

FGSD contributed to the MDGs by supporting various programs designed to end poverty, empower women, combat hunger and malnutrition, provide access to clean drinking water, eliminate infectious diseases and promote sustainable community development initiatives. This includes promoting gender equality in communities of Rwanda through its "Let's Play Fair" program hosted by Kids Play International. FGSD also supported the International Hockey Federation's "Targeted Assistance Programs" in Ghana, Pakistan, Turkey, Vanuatu and Zambia bringing health services to youth, increasing education and sports opportunities for young women, and enhancing organizational structures in these countries. It supported the Chilean Olympians Association and the Curacautin Children's Athletics Project to educate 250 youth between the ages of 10 and 18 about sport, healthy diet, health benefits of exercise and the risks of drug abuse. Several new programs have been added including the Athletes in Excellence Award Program, the Exceptional Youth Scholarship Award and the documentary film project Munich '72 and Beyond.